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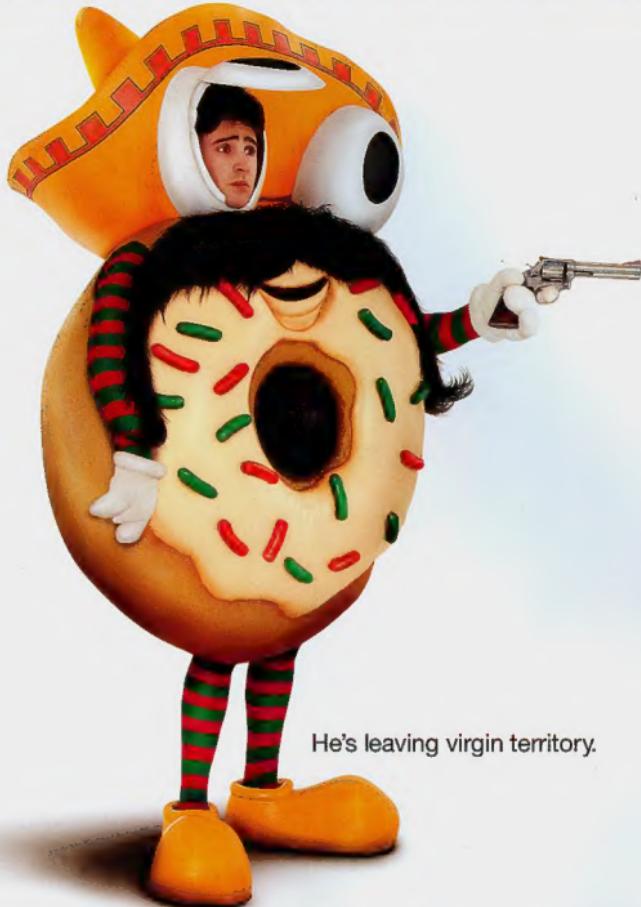
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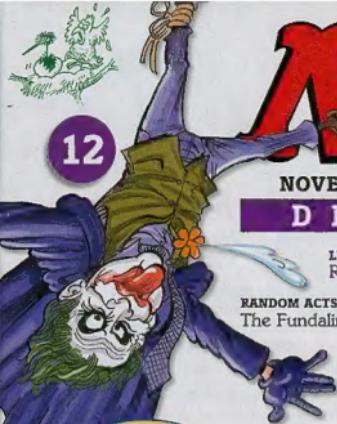
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IN THE NICKNAME OF TIME

Thank you so much for making "Calvin and Hobbes." I used to love *Calvin and Hobbes* and I loved the parody you guys did. I also like how you did the same thing with *Cathy* and Amy Winehouse. Why wasn't The Strip Club in last month's issue? It's one of the best parts of the magazine. And where did Bitterman go? P.S. Don't make fun of my name with Gryffindor because that isn't that original.

Griffin Benzel, letters@madmagazine.com

Gryffindor — We never claimed we were original. Thanks for reading! —Ed.

MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™

There is a long story behind this note card. My aunt gave them to me when she saw my Bar Mitzvah thank you notes. I tried not to choke from laughing and throwing up at the same time. So for my dumb wish, I would like you to publish the front of this note card, but somehow vandalized.

Andrew Rybczynski, Baltimore, MD

Rybye — At the MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™, we're all about making readers' wishes come true. But in your case, how can we possibly mess with perfection and vandalize such an impeccable work of art? We would be doing Red Farm Studios (the makers of this card) a disservice. Please thank your aunt for us, because the only thing that needs changing is your attitude! Congratulations on becoming a man! —Ed.



READER ALERT



Election Day is coming up, which means Alfred E. Neuman needs as much help as possible if he's going to lose in style. So we're asking you, dear readers, to take the poster in this very issue and hang it in a store window, on a telephone pole, even at the voting booths. Take a picture of your handwork and we'll print the best ones in an upcoming issue. Remember, if we all work together, we can secure an Alfred victory and America can have its dumbest President yet! (Well, second dumbest!) Send pics to letters@madmagazine.com or via snail mail to Amy "The Big Poster" Vozelos, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019.



MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

When I found out Bill Clinton would be stumping for Hillary at my old middle school (East Middle, Martinsville, IN), was my first thought to go and hear his take on all of Hillary's presidential ideas? Not! My first thought was to go and get the former-Commander-in-Chief of all Celebrity Snaps! Well, as our current Commander-in-Chief would say, "Mission Accomplished" (for real!).

Brenner Williams, Martinsville, IN

Brenner Off Dead — Great snap! But we have a question — was there an open bar at this event? Bubba is looking a little tipsy! Congrats on your three-year subscription! —Ed.

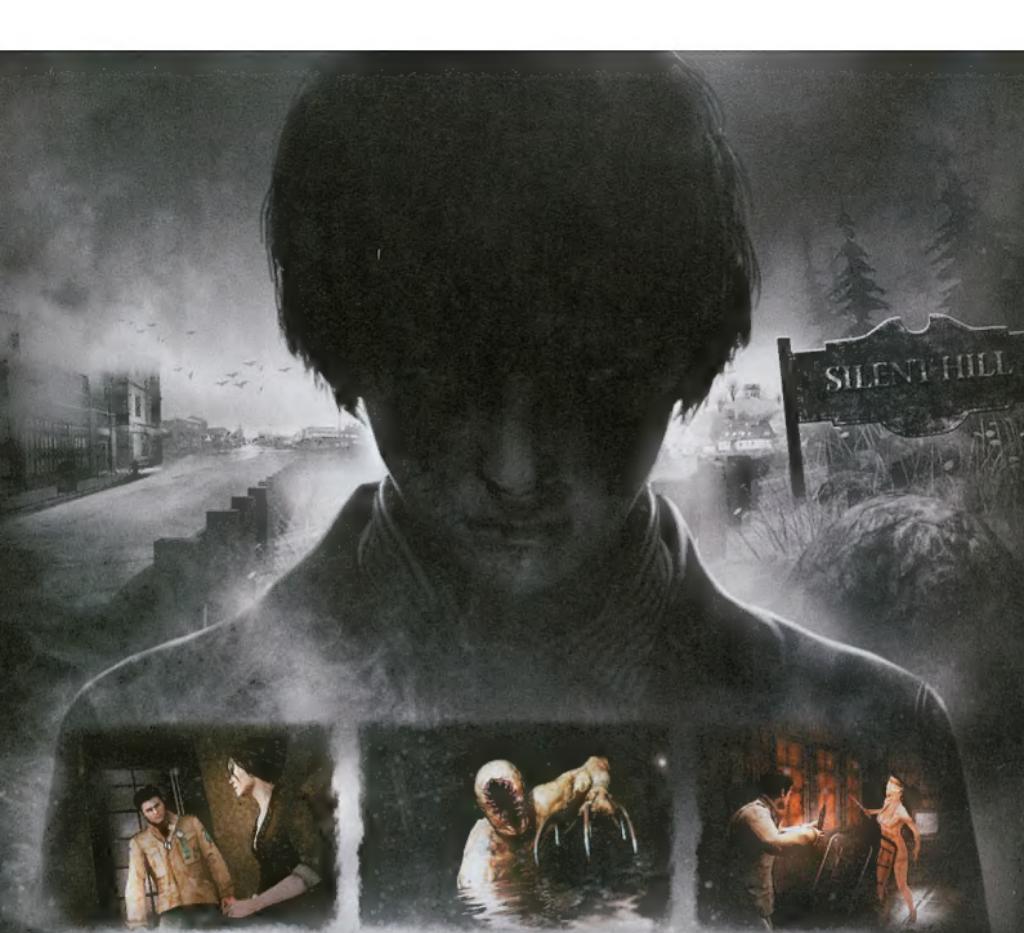


TURNING DAUGHTER INTO WHINE

I just wanted to ask the powers that be if they have any insight into what has happened to my 11-year-old daughter? My daughter stayed three weeks during the summer with her cousin in hotter-than-hell Phoenix, Arizona. Anyway, when I arrived at the airport to pick her up, I did not recognize her right away because she had a short bob with bright purple streaks in her hair, she wore all black with black skinny jeans, black slip-ons, black nail polish, black bag and a MAD magazine under her arm (and an apathetic, sarcastic attitude to boot)! I wanted to blame her aunt and cousin at first, but upon further in-depth inspection of said magazine, I have come to the conclusion that they are not entirely responsible.

Christina Collins, Vista, CA

Collinsons — She's dressed all in black and reading MAD? Sounds like she's mourning the death of her good taste! —Ed.



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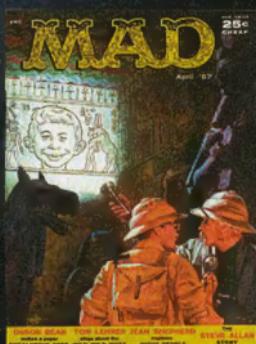
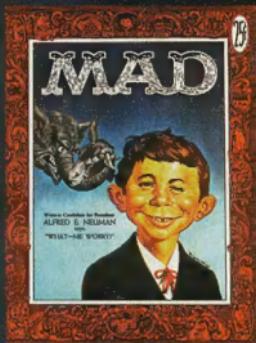
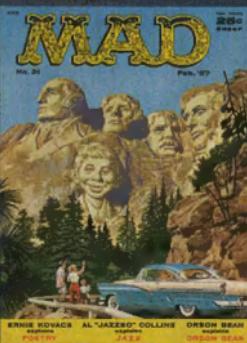
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THE SOAK'S ON YOU

Earlier, when I was getting out of my bath, I almost spilled water on my new issue of MAD! It was so close that I now do not read my MAD in the tub anymore. I cannot take the risk of it getting wet.

Nikki Franda, Plano, TX

Franda Comes Alive — You've uncovered the reason why most MAD readers don't bathe! Enjoy the new-found freedom, Stinkyl — Ed.



GESTURE AVERAGE READER

I am a sixth-grade student at Brentwood Elementary School in Spokane, WA. My teacher told us to write to our absolute favorite business. So, naturally I chose you. The first time I read one of your issues I thought I would die laughing. Please, if it is not an inconvenience, I would appreciate a small token from your incomparable organization to prove to my teacher and classmates that you are the best company on the face of the Earth. Please accept my apology for taking up your most valuable time and thank you in advance for anything you might send my way.

Evan Carpenter, Spokane, WA

Wall To Wall Carpenter — Here's a small token from us to you! — Ed.



THE BIG FLAG PART DEUX

When we asked our readers to design their own MAD flags, we received so many that we couldn't fit them all in one issue! Below are the rest of the salute-worthy submissions! Thanks to all who sent flags in!



RYAN MURPHY, FRISCO, TX



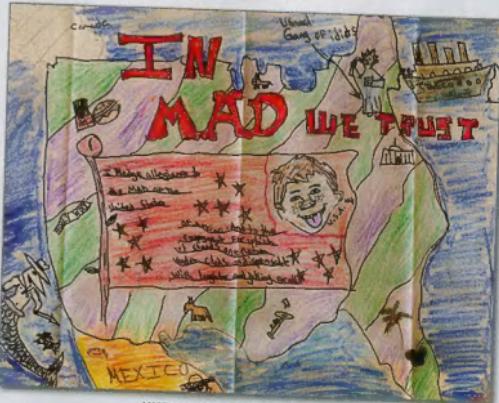
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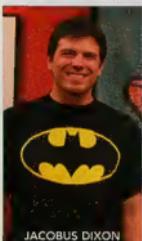


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MAD INTERNS

We'd like to take this opportunity to give a gracious shout out to our 2008 Summer interns: on the editorial side, Jacobus Dixon, Michael Grinspan, Matt Lassen and Jon Marquis; and on the art side, Erin Miller, Laurie Sanford and Aaron Sidorov. Thank you for all of your hard work — we hope you got it out of your system and will go out and get real jobs now!



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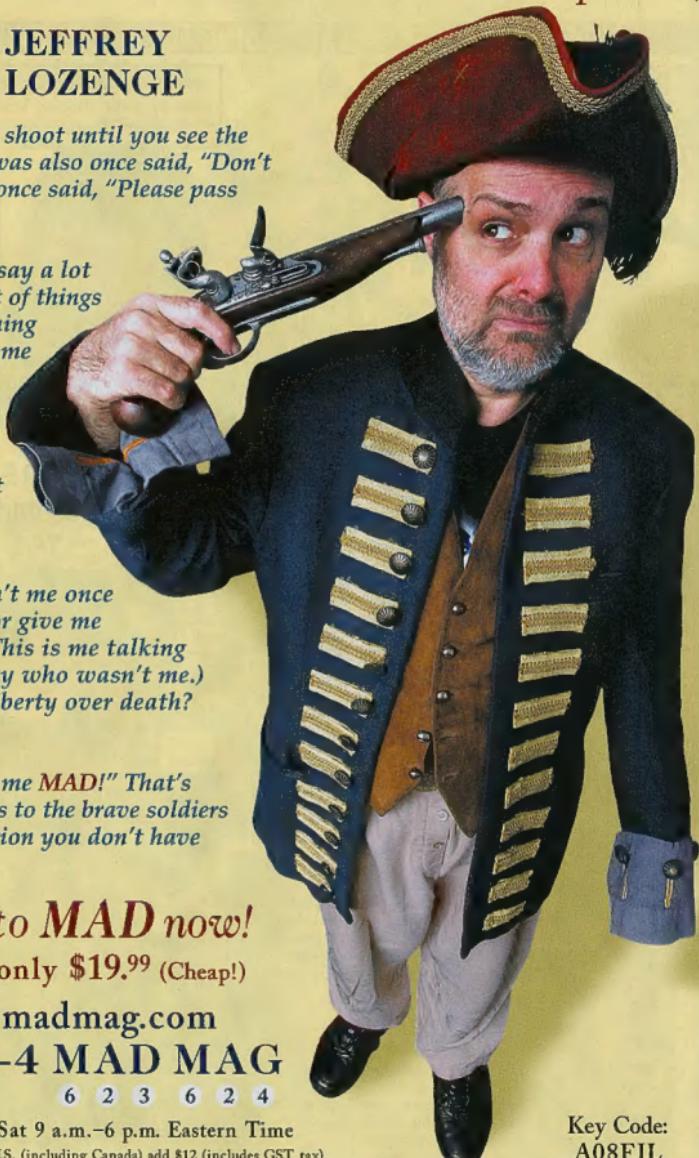
JEFFREY LOZENGE

It was once said, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." It was also once said, "Don't shoot!" And it was also once said, "Please pass the chicken gravy."

My point is that people say a lot of things. And I say a lot of things too, for example, everything I just said. Which brings me to MAD — yes, MAD — the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be — also says a lot of things. But the less said about that the better.

Someone else who wasn't me once said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Whoa Nellie! (This is me talking again, not that other guy who wasn't me.) Who wouldn't choose liberty over death? That's a no-brainer!

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DISADVANTAGE

When watching Bill O'Reilly you can see that the pancake makeup doesn't quite cover the "666" birthmark on his forehead.

ADVANTAGE

Grey's Anatomy in high def is so detailed, people without medical insurance can learn how to perform their own surgery!

DISADVANTAGE

When watching *America's Next Top Model* you can see the thin line of dried-up vomit around the mouths of several models.

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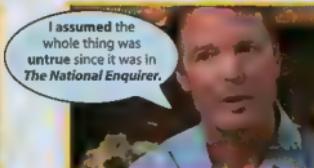
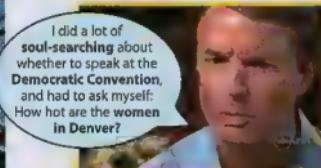
DISADVANTAGE

24 becomes REALLY unbelievable when you can clearly see that Jack Bauer doesn't have a single scar after 5 years of being shot, blown up, beat up and run over.

ADVANTAGE

When you watch *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* you won't feel bad about your own screwed-up home improvements — now that you can see the sloppy paint jobs, cracked ceilings, and crooked nails from Ty Pennington trying to rebuild an entire home in just 5 days.

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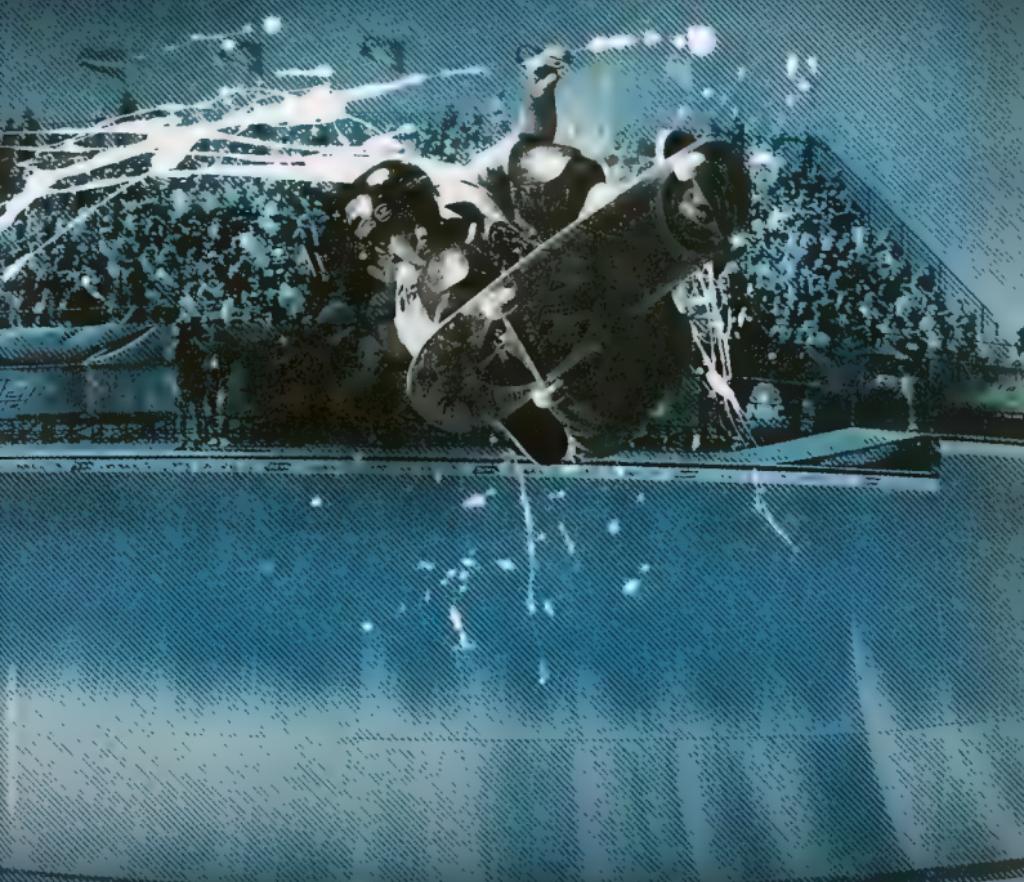
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THE DORK KNIGHT

• DON & WAYNE ON MY PARADE BLDG.

Others were a bit surprised by the latest developments in the States. "I mean, we're another country," says one senior executive. "We're not part of the US."

to Baltimore and Virginia.

do real, meaningful things. I have billions to hand over to centers, neighborhoods.

do that? could have used my hundreds of billions to fund youth centers, neighborhood watch programs, and enhanced urban security or can dress up like a giant rodent and punch guys in the nose? My choice would be

You driving Miss Darcy. But now I'm just the elite mechanic for Maserati Grand Prix in this entry. There are actually two of us in charge of manipulating stiff mechanical props myself and Christian. He's a vocal coach.

A series of future gasp weapons Baby-cars Babycycles Baby-costumes Baby-computer baby-boom baby name it! But no one may know about my work So I'm forced to do everything by myself That is when I'm not busy running the company doctoring the books Jamming back and forth to Hong Kong that weekend may explain my flying appearance + my 26 pieces o

and that then, did you have a police conversation who looks like Boles's father, John Whinn, took over corruption was rampant and the people had its hooks in the department but never run a chase, honest police Race along with my trusted personal Sergeant Officer Warren Two-Cross and Officer Carrizel the Octagon? They re assured me that it is just a streak of bad luck that 50 of our formerly mounted police have walked up to find their horse's scrotum held in their bid!

"...was terribly frightening," says one painter. "It was like being a passenger in a car accident." And heart just a man who loves to laugh. He's taught at senseless funerals, and he's painted chess and poker and cards and dice and found that humor is anything. "People like David Cade," says another, "are rare."

is my immediate impression. You never know what might also happen when you're in a hospital. Or worse.

bombed a city jail. Or when a bomb jacked a car or truck, or when a bomb exploded, or tried to bomb something. Just say maybe, you have a tiny killing at what might go bad.

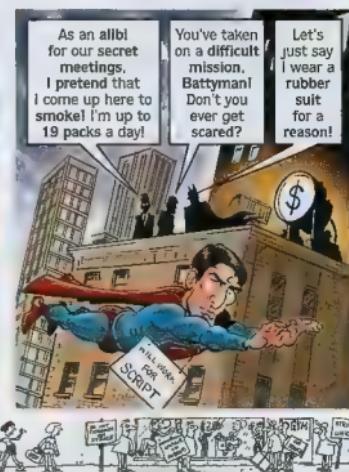
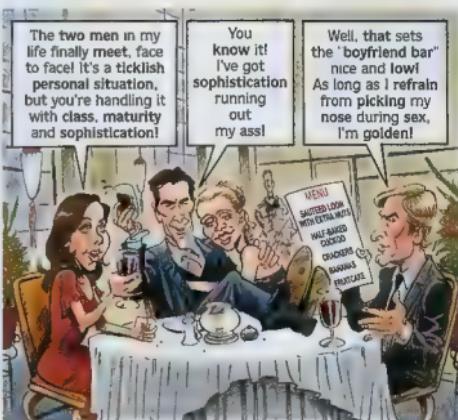
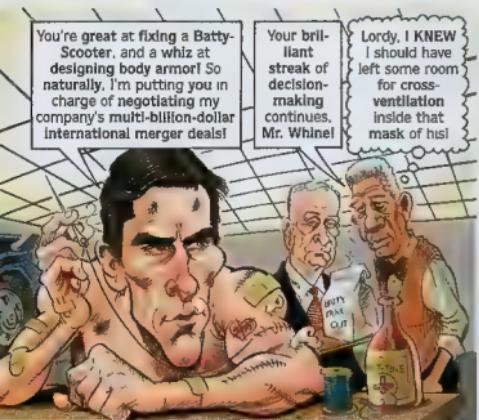
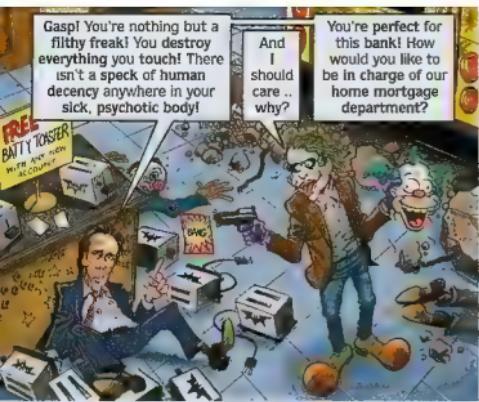
is awaiting secret code words from his master and his secret love. And appears in his secret elevator that secretly leads to the secret basement that we're supposed to assume was secretly built inside in the middle of a preexisting skyscraper without anybody noticing! You know who else had a secret identity? The screenwriter who came up with this impossible bushwhack.

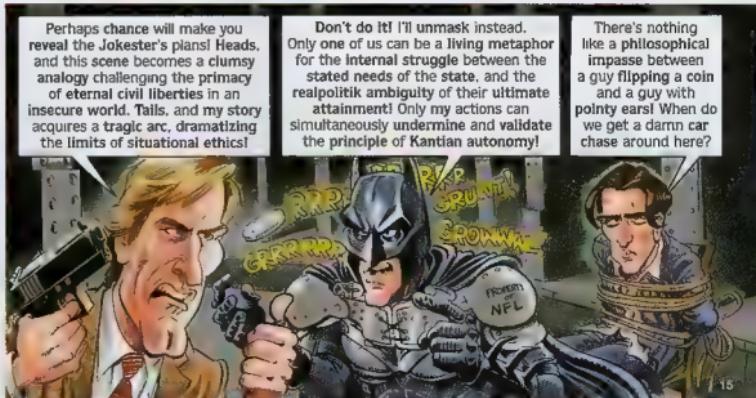
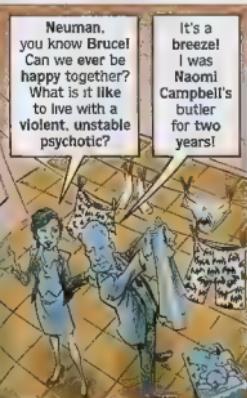
...and I am now personally asking for the citizens to rally around my wonderful hair! Last week, I was on the cover of the Harvard Wave Review and **gosh** these pretty boy looks didn't hurt in stealing away Bruce White's old girlfriend, Radish Dawson either. She's **TOTALLY** into me and I'm worried sick about her. That's why I'm all around unless we have her in top of the Batty signs.

DRIVE THRU *DIRK*, two men with the goal of clean city! Everyone's in it and mine is still obsessively cardio goodness! Oh... you know... Jennifer Aniston

WRITER: BRENDA BRYAN **ARTIST:** TOM RICHARDSON

"I'm forever Scarecrow," got a return career. "Now had an actress dare to be up to me, up to the thought challenge of selling dialogue like, 'You came back, but he must have as well,' making?" My look might've been different if I'd known she was like a kid who'd been born yesterday, but the actress was too young and too producers like him, catching her, boasting on Oprah's show. They said he was way too over-the-top in the role.





Hey, look! At the big press conference to reveal Battyman's true identity, we've got 100 reporters, 100 cops, 100 politicians, and for no apparent reason, bajillionaire Bruce Whine! There's nothing suspicious about that!

This is a Battyman press conference? Phooey! I assumed it was yet another elected official admitting that they're gay!

Remember, the night is darkest just before the dawn! The only thing to fear is fear itself! United we stand, divided we fall! Snug as a bug in a rug! The squeaky wheel gets the grease! And now, since I've run out of vivid clichés, you may arrest me! I am Battyman!



Bless you, Battyman!

You keep this city safe.
Battyman!

Where did you get an armor-piercing bazooka?

Where else? On eBay! Then, I left the seller negative feedback! Hoo hoo ha ha haaaa!!!



Gently! Gently! You'll smear my makeup!

You have the right to remain silent, especially after I knock you unconscious! You have the right to have an attorney present during questioning! If I were you, I'd pick one who's a blood donor match!

Aha! Listen to Battyman's ridiculous growly, gravelly voice! I just figured out his secret identity!

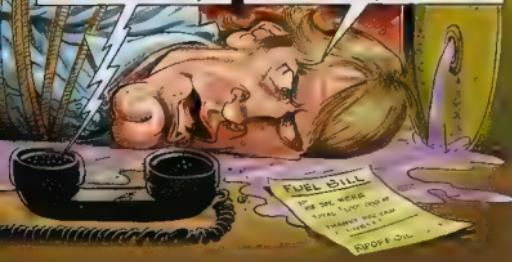
Cookie! Me want cookie!



I always thought it would be sexy, being tied up with the woman I love, on the floor and covered in oil! Turns out it's not so great!

Talk to me, Harvey! Tell me it'll all be okay!

I swear you'll be safe! I know they're coming to save you, darling! Of course, I also think the Backstreet Boys are poised to make a comeback, that we can win in Iraq if we just give it six more months, and that the makers of Lost know exactly where their storyline is headed!



Good, you're awake! Did I ever tell you how I got these scars? I saw You, Me & Dupree and laughed so uncontrollably that I ripped my own face apart! Kate Hudson lights up the screen!

Aaarghhh! You! Your bombs...killed my fiancé! Burned half my face off!

Just think of it as an extreme makeover!



The Jokester's plot is diabolically simple! Somehow he guessed which two ferryboats to put two bombs on. Each boat has a detonator! But our detonator is connected to the *OTHER* ship's bomb, and vice versa! Either boat can save itself from being killed by exploding the *other* boat! However, one group of passengers must trigger its detonator by midnight... or else Jokester will blow up BOTH boats! That is, unless the Jokester deliberately provided false information about the detonators, the deadline, or the...



SHUT UP! SHUT UP! Push the button already! Getting blown to pieces will be a pleasure after all that nonsense!

The Jokester must be located at any cost! It's illegal and unethical, but I secretly connected your advanced imaging technology to every one of the 20 million cell phones in Gothic City! Each of those phones is now feeding live visual information back into our database! What does it show?

The insides of 20 million ears!



Finally, I've got you roped and tied, with your butt up in the air! I'll bet you're relieved that this is a main-stream action movie and not *Brokeback Mountain* 2!



Wake up, Battyman! We did the *Brokeback Mountain* joke 12 panels ago!

I know! But I'm stuck for a gag, and for jokes about OD-ing on illegal prescription drugs, it's still "too soon"!



The public must never learn what Harvey did! There's only one way to cover this up. Mel Blame his police killings on me!

But wouldn't it be even easier to blame the murders on Jokester?

Maybe! But this is the best plan I can suggest right now! I just hope my thinking hasn't been too affected by the fact that I just fell four stories and probably have a grade-Z concussion!



Now that you're being hunted by the police, I've whipped up a snazzy cloaking device for your Battymobile! It'll help you escape detection as you drive on your nighty patrols!



Forget it! I can't afford to keep running the Battymobiles anymore, plus the Battycycle, and a Battiplane besides. With current gasoline prices, I'm bankrupt!

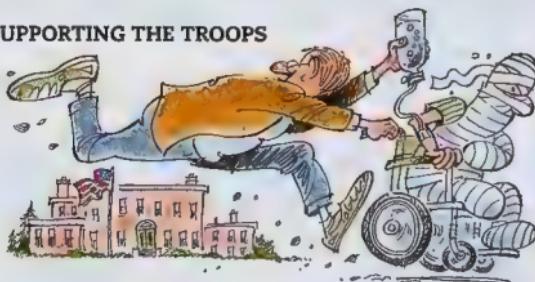


LEXICON-JOB DEPT.

Back when the Iraq War started, we couldn't help but notice that the buzzwords and catch phrases emanating from the White House and Pentagon weren't exactly meshing with reality. With the mission already accomplished, we hurriedly assembled a collection of examples and rushed them into print in MAD #438. We wanted to make sure that our article made it to publication before the war ended, Iraq was quiet, and all the troops were already home. As it turned out, we could have taken our sweet time about it. So what's the situation on the ground four years later? The oil might be getting scarce, but the B.S. is flowing just as freely as ever! And so, we present the second of what we never thought would turn out to be a long, long series

MAD'S UPDATED GLOSSARY TO THE WAR ON TERROR

SUPPORTING THE TROOPS



Keeping them far, far away from the decaying hellholes that are our Veterans' Hospitals.

SAFE HAVEN



Any of Bush's restricted, pre-screened, "no touchy questions" Town Hall meetings.

OIL REVENUE SHARING



A fair and balanced set-up, dividing the profit equally between all relevant parties: ExxonMobil, Unocal, Chevron and Occidental Petroleum.

EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION



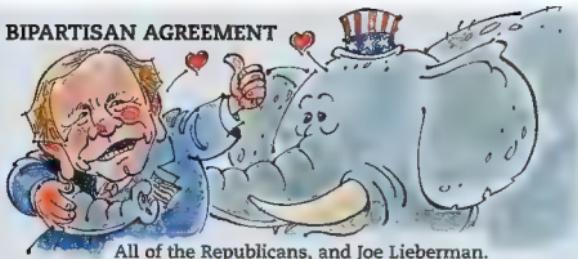
The "high C" note a prisoner makes when 25,000 volts get shot through his nutsack.

PRISON TORTURE SCANDAL



The horrible, scandalous fact that somebody blabbed about the prison torture.

BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT



All of the Republicans, and Joe Lieberman.

STUBBORN POCKETS OF RESISTANCE



The three-fourths of Americans who, according to the polls, don't think Bush is doing a darned good job.

PROVIDING AID AND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY



\$5.00 per gallon.

DETAINEE ABUSE



The fourth, fifth and sixth tours of duty for the "all-volunteer" army.

ENTERING A DRAMATIC NEW PHASE



Getting one's ass booted from the Bush inner circle, and then claiming you were secretly against the war all along.

"THE SURGE IS WORKING"



The last thing noticed by the dozen U.S. soldiers who've been electrocuted in the shower by the ungrounded wires installed by incompetent Halliburton profiteers.

THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL



Something Iraqis enjoy, during the 2 hours a day Baghdad has electricity.

CUT AND RUN



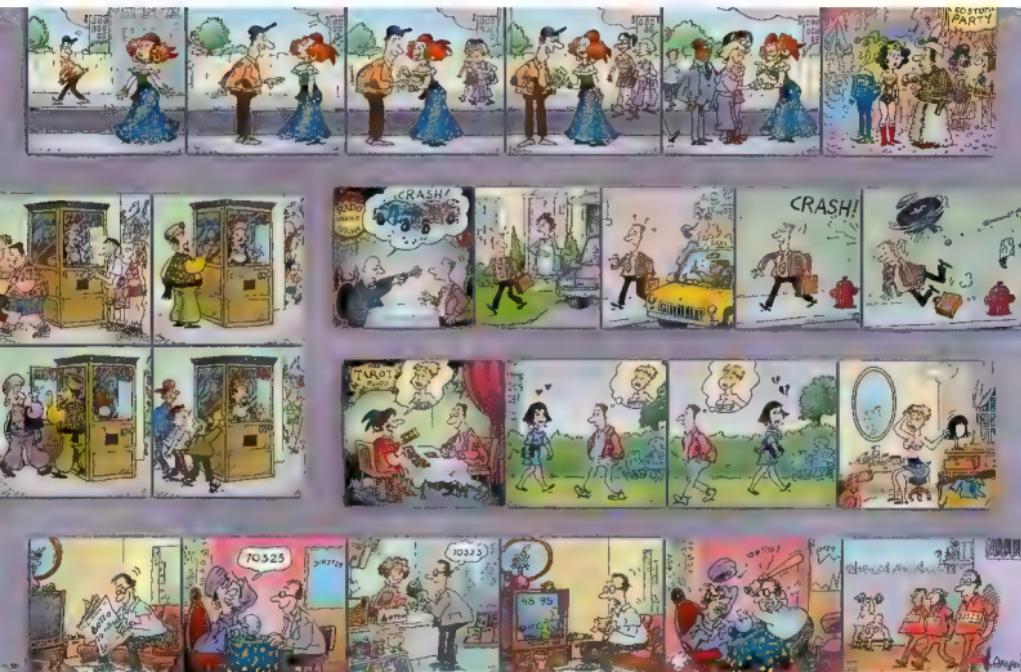
A phrase which, oddly, is most often used by the same politicians who cut our soldiers' combat pay, cut their furloughs, and cut their insurance and health benefits, and then run for reelection as gung-ho patriots.

SERGE IN GENERAL DEPT.

Presents A MAD Book of FORTUNE TELLERS



WRITER AND ARTIST: HERIBERT ARAGONES





HOPELESS

MAD Deconstructs TV Talk Shows

THIS MONTH: COUNTDOWN
WITH KEITH OLEBERMAN

10. THE CHAT IN THE STAT DEPT

To make a great news show, you need a likeable, knowledgeable host who has a calming, even-handed approach to the news. He should have keen, fresh insights into the events of the day and be able to explain them clearly and concisely. But until we find that show...

8:00 We hear the first words from Bush. What are some of these stories will be told about today? Chances are it'll be the same ones as yesterday. Because *CNN basically only DOES the story Republicans want - we got it!*



8:01 These-for-the-bad-story, "there's one thing that Kelli Gherman has not said for its a cheap and crooked allegation against the G.O.P. Gephardt schedules time for worried officials to read the newest attack-and provides ammunition fast-track-to say the hypocrisy of the Right. Because at the end of the day, the one thing March WILL stand for is a cheap and crooked allegation against the G.O.P.

...if we believe what John Edwards is saying, and we absolutely, absolutely **NOT** believe his interpretation of his personal life, he would have party affiliations - Republcan, will never break on the Democratic, following day. You start to make us up to be something we're not. We're not Republicans. We're not Democrats. We're not McCain. Face it, acknowledge it.

8:05 To break up the monotony of *Observer*-watching, Repubcon will go by himself, the first of Countdown's grueling heads, give his view as to why the Republicans bite and what it means ("What's the difference?") MSNBC host, a disgruntled Nixon hankieholder, or a sleepwalking Newtweek reporter. The last time we saw belts that big, Indiana Jones was running away from an



8:11 Obermann makes an to Story #2, which isn't that different from Story #1. It's kind of like driving from Nebraska to Kansas, in that the landscape is so similar, you're not really sure you've gone anywhere until you spot a road sign. Here, the road sign is a clearly marked "old" to the next story, using one of Cain's clever, ambiguous posts.



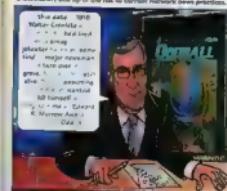
8:16 Keith now lets members of the media give their detailed opinions about how the media gets the details wrong. There are the same talking heads that you would expect to see on Fox News. They all seem to know exactly how to screw up the polling data, they reiterated over the way that Romney was going to "shake up" the GOP race, they were giving their hands waiting hopefully for the super-delegates to flip the nomination to Hillary...they even took Riley Gugino seriously, for God's sake!



8:23 Next: Obermann likes George W. Bush for his
an active chamber filled with two men and two
adults viewpoints. He does this from a hemispherically sound
stand in the presence of off-camera MSM/BBC readers who chafe
nervously at the same time they just copy-edited and typed in
Reich's teleprompter



8:29 **With** **unprecedented** **hindsight** **truly** **noteworthy** **that** **happened** **that** **day** — **the** **birth** **of** **Gimel**, **or** **the** **discovery** **of** **the** **Salk** **vaccine**, **or** **Jacobs** **breaking** **baseball's** **curse** **barrier**. This 10-second **reprise** is followed by **two** **long** **re-creations** **of** **time-warping**, **inconsequential** **trips**, **it's** **Obermann's** **one** **life** **of** **the** **decade**.



B-3/2

The words isn't really getting warmer; it's just being videotaped more. On the funky lasagna segment called "Diddalil" a box carriager is good. A pants hanger is bad. A box carriager saving a pants is better still. A box carriager saving a pants hanger is a smidge better than that. Whereas a robot box carriager saving a pants hanger is the death on Japanese game show. It's not even the last game show after a blinding diet of campaign finance reform. Rightspies are still doing dirty dealing pants. We're still doing the cleaning outside of a shirtless dwarf getting stuck in a toll booth coin bagage.



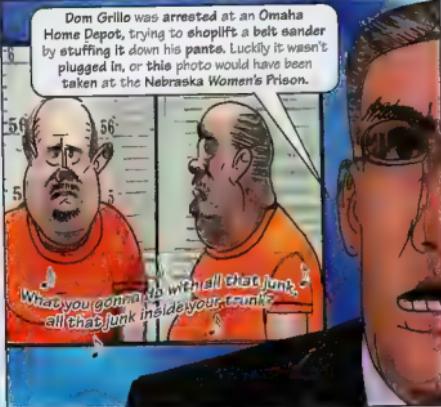
8:33 Next up is the "Bashed" segment, the nightly reveal of scandals plaguing TV and company. Presenting a fresh batch of duds every night does push the Countdown researchers to dig really deep, however...



THIS MONTH: COUNTDOWN
WITH KEITH OLBERMANN

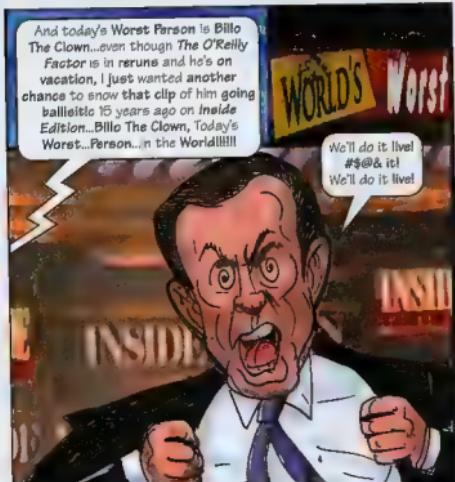
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Olbermann lightens the mood with his "Best Persons in the World" segment, focusing on the mishaps of dumb criminals, drunk criminals, or dumb drunk criminals. (But not the ones who fly on Air Force One.) The final miscreant gets an extra-special reward: their very own ironically-chosen music snippet.



8:48

Rush Limbaugh mocks others. Sean Hannity insults them. Ann Coulter reduces them to simplistic cartoons. There's only one intelligent way to rise above this kind of stupid, hyperbolic Right-Wing rudeness: Call them "The Worst Person in the World"!



8:50

With scathing multisyllabic anger, Keith Olbermann launches into one of his "Special Comments." These extra-long opinion pieces only appear on the rare occasions when Olbermann is sufficiently moved by the maelstrom of political events to scrutinize the particulars for posterity. Or else when Michael Musto cancels and they have to fill time.

Now I get to recycle the same complaints from today's show, but in essay form. Some say I'm providing a great service to America. That's ridiculous. I say I'm providing THE great service to America. Did that Colonial nobody Thomas Paine ever get 200,000 hits on YouTube? Try "zero." So while my mouth is forever saying "Shame on you, Mr. Bush," my heart is saying "Thank you for giving me a career."

8:58

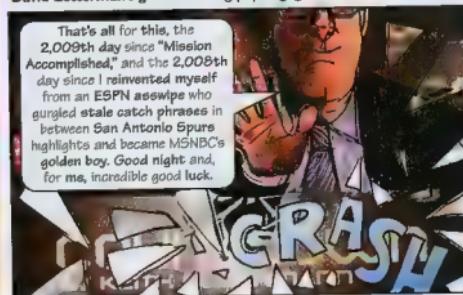
Eight minutes and six sentences later, the "Special Comment" nears its finish. It's the third densest chunk of words on television, after the "express written consent of major league baseball" disclaimer, and the list of disgusting side effects from boner pills.



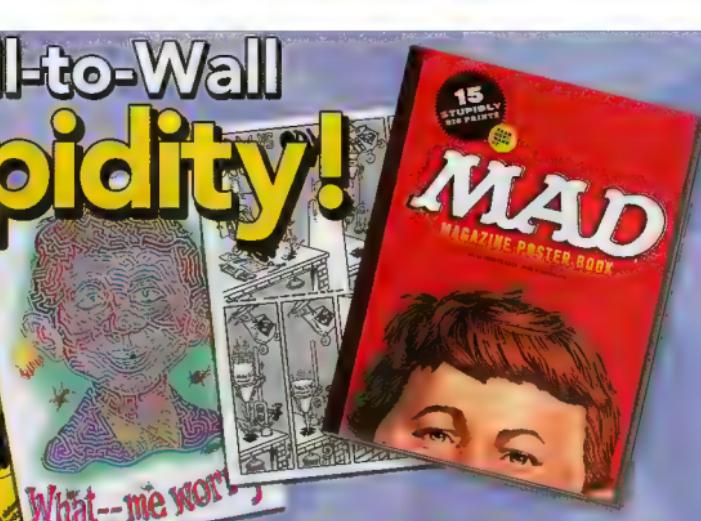
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In one final explosion of egomaniacal klepto-indulgence, Olbermann steals Ted Koppel's "number of days since..." nightly update, Edward R. Murrow's signoff line AND David Letterman's glass-breaking paper gag.

That's all for this, the 2,009th day since "Mission Accomplished," and the 2,008th day since I reinvented myself from an ESPN asswife who gurgled stale catch phrases in between San Antonio Spurs highlights and became MSNBC's golden boy. Good night and, for me, incredible good luck.

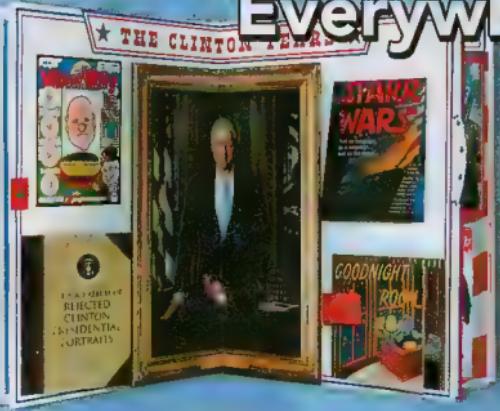


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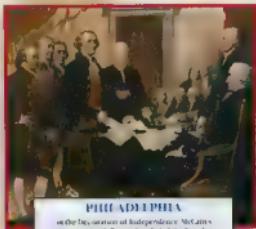
Dec. 25, in Clinton said, "You could argue that no one is ever ready to be president." And the former Commander-in-Chief may have a point. But experience couldn't hurt a preparing someone for the Oval Office, and there's where John McCain comes in. He's not just McCain, he's also McCafe. In fact, no presidential candidate in our nation's history has even come close to sporting the GOP nominee's frame expertise. To give you all the information we've got before you cast your vote, here's a brief look back at the life and times of John McCain.

**ATLANTIC OCEAN**

McCain's first assignment was to the New York. McCain served with the fleet during the Civil War and received great training in leadership.

A Look Back **AT THE HISTORICAL CAREER of JOHN McCAIN**

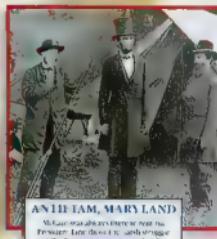
ANTIQUE SUDBUSHOW

**PHILADELPHIA**

McCain was born in Philadelphia. McCain grew up with England, including the fact that his wife, Cindy, is the biggest archer in the world.

**LOUISIANA TERRITORY**

McCain serving with the Cavalry of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

**ANTETAM, MARYLAND**

McCain was always there to meet the Devil in the Woods, including the time in the Prussian army as a regular horse.

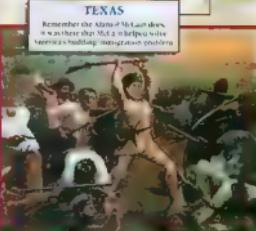
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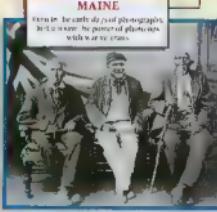
Before he stepped off shore of Boston, McCafé had an interesting battle in Boston Harbor. McCafé was a member of the Boston Harbor Committee.

**PHILADELPHIA**

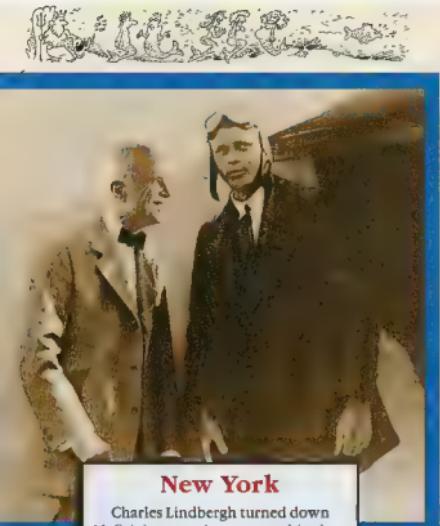
McCain was the first to visit the United States of America, arriving in 1776.

**TEXAS**

Remember the Alamo? McCain does. It was there that McCafé helped save America's budding independence movement.

**MAINE**

McCafé became a key player in the peace process with the Native Americans.



New York

Charles Lindbergh turned down McCain's suggestion to name his plane "The Straight Talk of St. Louis."



New York

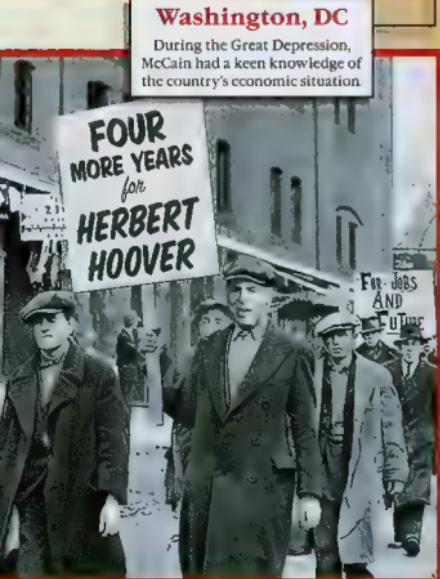
McCain has always been a friend of the working man.

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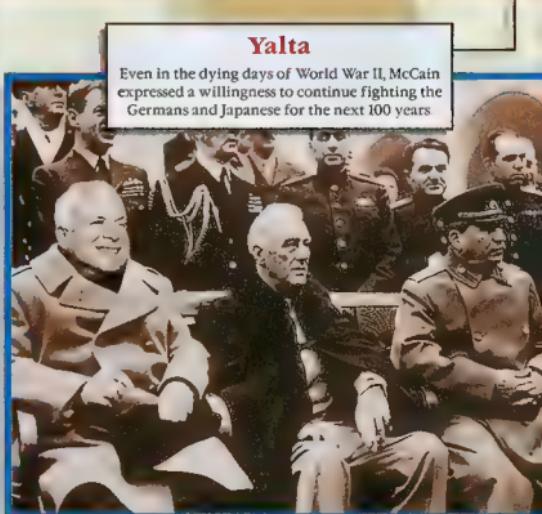
1932

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Washington, DC

During the Great Depression, McCain had a keen knowledge of the country's economic situation.



Yalta

Even in the dying days of World War II, McCain expressed a willingness to continue fighting the Germans and Japanese for the next 100 years.

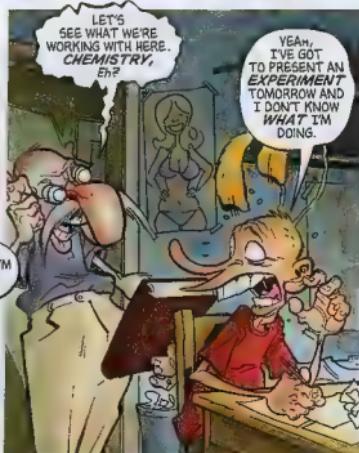
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National
Threat Level
to green! It's...



MONROE

and...

Domestic Terror





AN HOUR LATER...



36 HOURS LATER...



72 HOURS LATER...



I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY THOUGHT I WAS A THREAT.

THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT YOU'VE TAKEN ALL THAT TORMENT AND INSTEAD OF UNLEASHING IT ON THE WORLD...

THAT'S MY MONROE.

I BURROW IT RIGHT BACK INTO MYSELF.

SHOULD WE CALL MOM AND TELL HER SHE CAN COME HOME?

SURE! IN A MONTH! BOYS' NIGHT OUT!

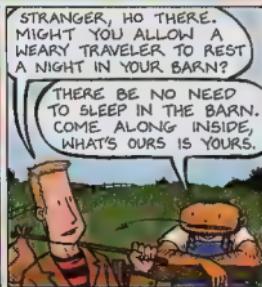
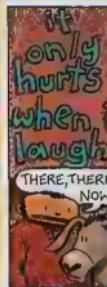
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GETTING OUT OF PRISON?

AND GOING BACK TO SUMMER SCHOOL.

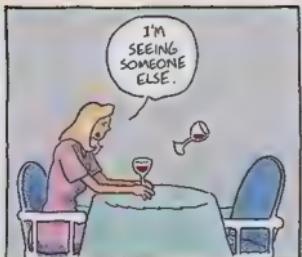
GREAT. THANKS FOR THAT, POP.

THE STRIP CLUB



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HOW TO DUMP AN INVISIBLE MAN!



GLEN LELEVRE



The Family Follies!



ROB HARRELL

ME, MYSELF AND MY PUPPET



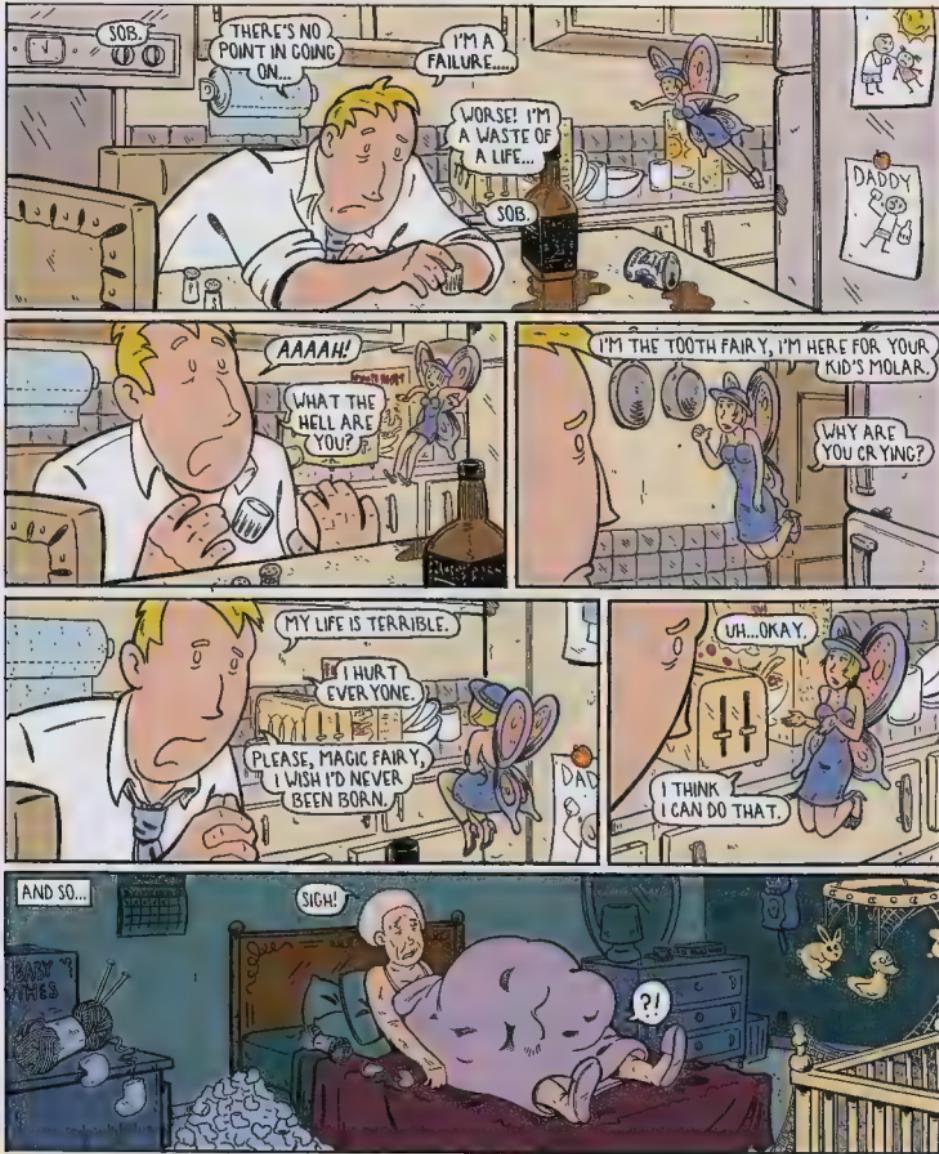
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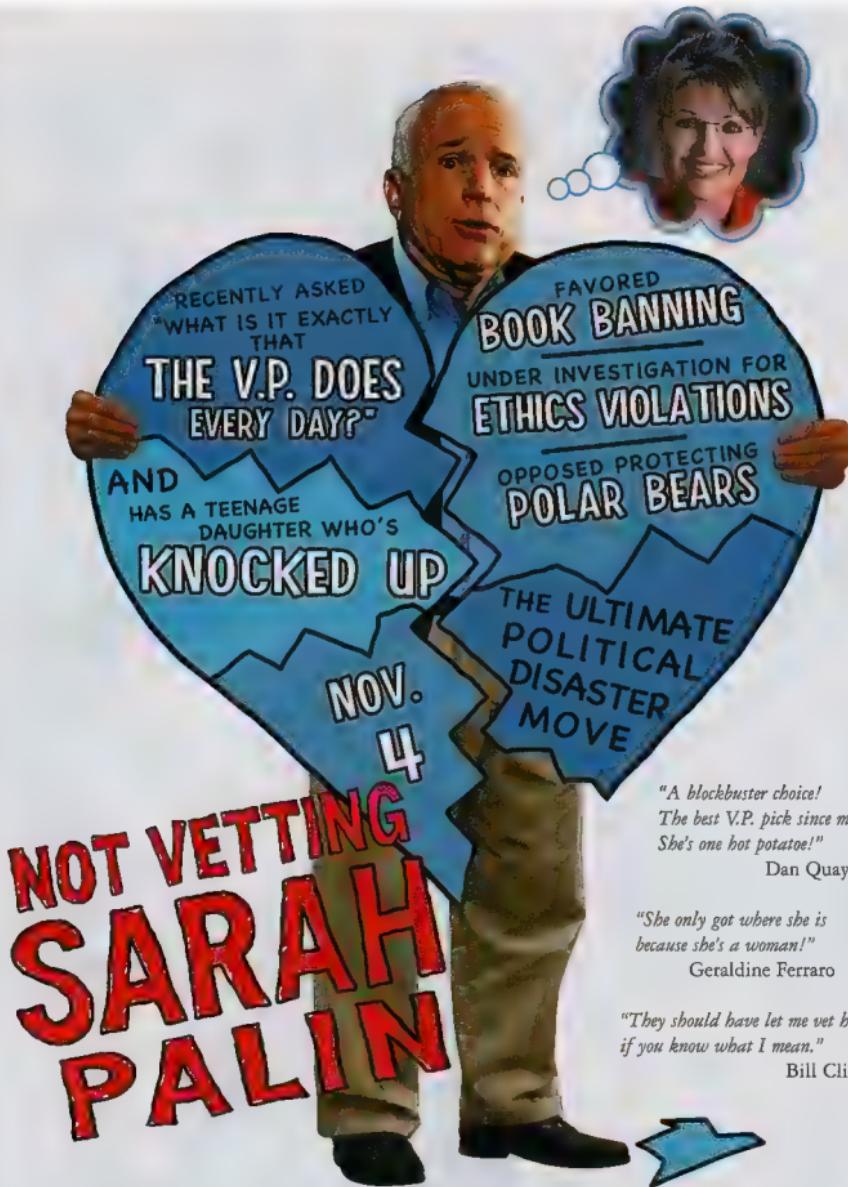
THE ROOMMATES: JOHN, JOE AND JERRY



TODD CLARK

JUST BELOW THE SURFACE





THE REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESENTS A JOHN MCCAIN PRODUCTION "NOT VETTING SARAH PALIN"
STARRING JOHN MCCAIN AS THE "MAVERICK" INTIMIDATED BY THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT
SARAH PALIN AS THE VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE WHO JUST GOT HER PASSPORT THREE MONTHS AGO
FEATURING SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN AS "TWO-FACE"

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PANDERING TO
GENDER VOTERS

A **MAD**
POLITICAL POSTER

When Monkeys Go BAD

60 THE AREA GENRE: DRAMA

May it's because of a bad upbringing, a history of drug abuse or traces of zebra dung in the water supply. Whatever the cause, it's not pretty to watch and has the potential to instigate some species turn against each other. Here's what happens...

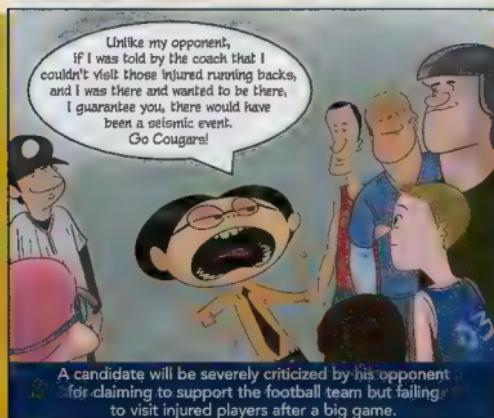
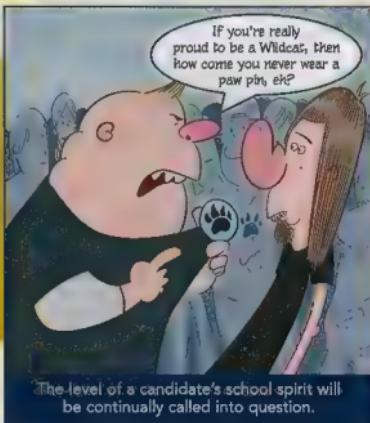


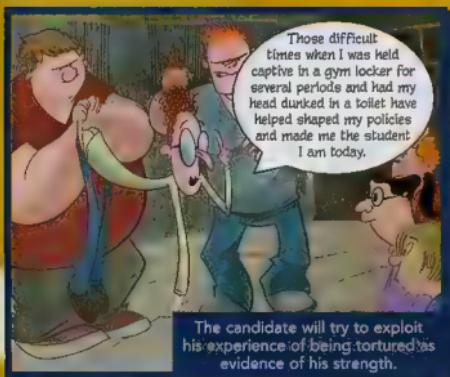




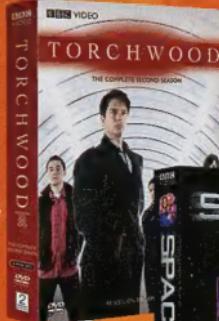
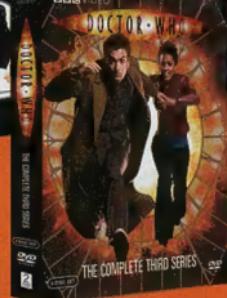
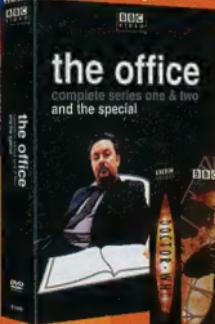
The road to the White House is paved with wild accusations and vicious name-calling. The halls of high school also house their share of rumors and taunts, but for some reason, class elections are relatively civil (except, of course, for an occasional pantsing). With all eyes on election coverage this year, the dirty and despicable tactics used in the presidential race are bound to inspire the political hopefuls running for student government. Here's what to expect...

WHEN HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIONS ARE RUN LIKE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS





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WHO'S MADE
A FORTUNE
COLLECTING
AND PACKAGING
GARBAGE?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

There are many entities getting rich by taking garbage and forcing it on the public. But there's one culprit in particular that's been very animated about it. To find out who is downright cartoonish in their exploitation of trash, fold page in as shown.



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CELEBRATING THEIR NEWFOUND SUCCESS. BUT IT'S A PITY
GOOD IDEAS SO OFTEN GO BAD. IT'S DIFFICULT AS-
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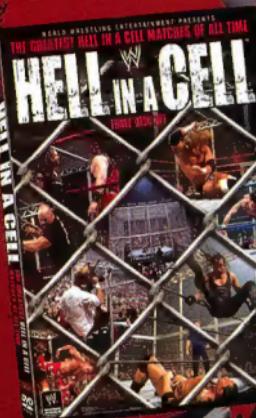
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